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S.J.R. 116

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

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Benson  
Bryson  
Byrnes  
Cotton  
Fleming  
Garcia  
Hall  
Jensen  
Wilson

Austin, Texas

February 4, 1971

Hon. Ben Barnes  
President of the Senate

Sir:

We, your Committee on Constitutional Amendments,  
to which was referred S.J.R.B. No. 16, have had the same  
under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to  
the Senate with the recommendation that it do \_\_\_\_\_  
pass \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ printed.

  
Chairman

By: Kennard, et al

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2 (In the Senate. -- February 1, 1971, read, referred to Committee on  
3 Constitutional Amendments: February 4, 1971, reported favorably; February  
4 16, 1971, Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended  
5 by 30 yeas, 0 nays; February 16, 1971, read second time and ordered  
6 engrossed; February 16, 1971, Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules  
7 suspended by vote of 30 yeas, 0 nays to place bill on third reading and final  
8 passage; February 16, 1971, read third time and passed by 30 yeas, 0 nays.)

9 CHARLES SCHNABEL  
10 Secretary of the Senate

11 February 16, 1971, Engrossed.

12 BEA LEWIS  
13 Engrossing Clerk

14 February 17, 1971, Sent to House.

15 February 17, 1971, Received from the Senate.

16 DOROTHY HALLMAN

17 Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

18 (In the House. --February 18, 1971, read first time and referred to Com-  
19 mittee on Constitutional Amendments: April 7, 1971, reported favorably  
20 by majority voice vote, sent to Printer.)

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43 COMMITTEE REPORT

44 COMMITTEE ROOM

45 Austin, Texas, April 6, 1971

46 Hon. G. F. (Gus) Mutscher, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

47 SIR: We, your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was  
48 referred S. J. R. No. 16, have had the same under consideration and beg  
49 to report back with recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

50 John A. Traeger, Chairman

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BILL ANALYSIS

Background:

The laws of Texas, in several instances, do not treat men and women equally.

Purpose:

To grant equality under the laws to men and women.

Section by Section Analysis:

1. Equality under the law shall not be denied because of sex, race, color, creed, or national origin.

2. Election clause.

Summary of Committee Action:

Passed by unanimous voice vote.

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Ben Barnes  
Lieutenant Governor

W. M. McLean  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S. J. R. No. 16 was adopted by the Senate on February 16, 1971, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Harold Johnson  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S. J. R. No. 16 was adopted by the House on April 27, 1971, by the following vote: Yeas 119, Nays 25.

Timothy Hallman  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

May 5, 1971  
Date

Preston Smith  
Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
2:30 PM O'CLOCK

MAY 5 1971  
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Secretary of State

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APR 29 1971



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By KENNARD

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Filed with the Secretary of the Senate

FEB 1 1971 Read, referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments

FEB 4 1971 Reported favorably.

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

Ordered not printed.

FEB 16 1971 Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by unanimous consent.  
30 years, 0 days.

To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of \_\_\_\_\_ years, \_\_\_\_\_ days.

FEB 16 1971 Read second time and ordered engrossed.  
passed to third reading.

Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

FEB 16 1971 Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of 30 years, 0 days to place bill on third reading and final passage.

FEB 16 1971 Read third time and passed by a viva-voce vote.  
30 years, 0 days.

OTHER ACTION:

*Charles Schnabel*  
Secretary of the Senate

2-16-71 Engrossed

FEB 17 1971 Sent to HOUSE

ENGROSSING CLERK

FEB 17 1971

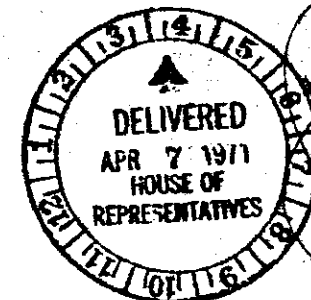
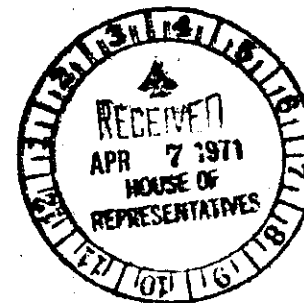
Received from  
the Senate

*Dorothy Hallman*  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

FEB 18 1971 READ 1st TIME  
AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON  
Constitutional Amendments

*Dorothy Hallman*  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

APR 7 1971 REPORTED FAVORABLY SENT TO PRINTER  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives



PRINTED, DISTRIBUTED AND

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON

3:45 P.M. APR 7 1971  
(Date)

APR 27 1971

MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE BY  
WHICH 9-10 WAS  
ADOPTED PASSED AND TO TABLE THE MOTION TO RECON-  
SIDER PREVAILED PASSED BY A 7-0 VOTE OF

Donnell Hallman  
CHIEF CLERK HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APR 27 1971 RETURNED TO SENATE

RETURNED APR 28 1971  
FROM HOUSE

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Secretary of State

Signed

Governor

to be voted on  
in November, 1972